



## Shingle Bolts and Shakes

James Selkirk arrived in Webster's Corners in 1906 and with partner Charles Pelletier began operating a cedar shingle mill in March 1907 that continued until January 1913. This mill, sometimes referred to as the "Frenchman's Mill," was located at the northeast corner of Dewdney Trunk and Marten's (256<sup>th</sup> Street) Roads and diagonally across from the site of the Webster's Corners School. Many of the employees were Chinese or Japanese and their bunkhouses are among the buildings shown.

The two partners sold to a J. Innes. Trucks would back onto the plank roadway and unload the shingle bolts onto a rail car that was towed across the wooden bridge by a long cable fastened to a horse or truck on the opposite side of the ravine. The load would be pulled up the steep incline to the mill to be cut into shingles. The bundles of shingles would be sent back by the same route.

When the mill shut down around 1920, one of the buildings was converted into a home for Tom Johnston.

**Opposite Top**

**The Frenchman's Mill.**

**Opposite Bottom**

**Photographer W. J. Van's caption on this photo simply reads: "5 1/2 Cord Load."**



**A faller's logging boot as seen worn by the men sitting on top of the truck.**